

Application No. 10/005,759  
Request for Continuation Examination dated January 30, 2004



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/005,759

Confirmation No.: 7327

Applicant : Michael P. MILLER et al.  
Filed : December 7, 2001  
TC/A.U. : 3623  
Examiner : M. Heck  
Title : ACCELERATED PROCESS IMPROVEMENT FRAMEWORK  
(as amended)

Docket No. : 86769-0006

Customer No. : 30398

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. The required submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a.  Was previously submitted
- i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on December 19, 2003
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
  - iii.  Other
- b.  Is enclosed
- i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit Under 37 CFR § 1.132
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other

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Granted  
One year  
2-10-04

- Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:**

2.	<u>Total Months Requested</u>	<u>Fee for Extension</u>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>one month</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 110.00
	<input type="checkbox"/>	two months
	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 420.00
	<input type="checkbox"/>	three months
	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 950.00
	<input type="checkbox"/>	four months
		\$ 1480.00

3. **Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)**

<b>CLAIMS FOR FEE CALCULATION</b>					
	Number as Previously Paid	Number of Current Claims	Number Extra	At Rate of	Filing Fee
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))	50	<b>26</b>	0	\$ 18.00 each =	+\$ 0.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b))	3	<b>3</b>	0	\$ 86.00 each =	+\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE =</b>				<b>\$ 770.00</b>	

4. **Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1,103(c) for a period of        months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other

5. **Fees:**

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  A check in the amount of \$ 110.00 is enclosed for the one -month extension of time fee of \$110.00 noted above.

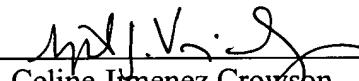
- b.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1349.
- i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in the amount of \$770.00.
- ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) in the amount of \$
- iii.  Other
- Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1349. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: January 30, 2004

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